

Application No. 10/621,804  
Amdt. Dated January 28, 2005  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A portable ~~containment unit~~ table, comprising: a cross member comprising recessed portions defined on opposite sides of the cross member forming at least one tapered end on the cross member adapted to support sports-related or other equipment;

at least one support member attached to and extending away from the cross member and configured to support the cross member above a ground surface; and

wherein the cross member further defines at least one receptacle orifice configured to receive at least one object therein, and

wherein one or more horseshoes each having two legs with ridges at the ends thereof may be slid over and engage the tapered end, such that the ridges rest upon an upper of the cross member.

2. Cancelled

3. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 1, wherein the cross member is elongated and comprises tapered ends located at opposite longitudinal ends of the cross member.

4. Cancelled

5. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 1, wherein the at least one support member further comprises a positioning element configured to removably position the cross member in a substantially parallel position with respect to the ground surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 5, wherein the positioning element comprises a sharpened tip portion positioned on a distal end {W0161049.1}

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of the support member and configured to allow at least a portion of the support member to penetrate the ground surface, thereby securely positioning the cross member with respect to the ground surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 5, wherein the positioning element comprises a plate member positioned on a distal end of the support member and configured to balance the cross member above the plate member via the support member, thereby securely positioning the cross member with respect to the ground surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 1, further comprising two support members attached to and extending away from the cross member.

9. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 8, wherein each support member includes a positioning element configured to removably position the cross member in a substantially parallel position with respect to the ground surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 9, wherein the positioning elements each comprise a sharpened tip portion positioned on a distal end of each support member and configured to allow at least a portion of each support member to penetrate the ground surface, thereby securely positioning the cross member with respect to the ground surface.

11. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 1, wherein the at least one object comprises a receptacle configured to slide within the receptacle orifice, such that the receptacle is engaged within the receptacle orifice.

12. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit table~~ of claim 11, wherein the receptacle includes a ridge portion, the ridge portion configured to rest upon an upper edge area of the receptacle orifice, thereby removably securing the receptacle within the receptacle orifice.

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13. Cancelled

14. (Currently Amended) A portable ~~containment unit~~ table, comprising: an elongated cross member comprising recessed portions defined on opposite sides of the cross member forming two tapered ends located at opposite longitudinal ends of the cross member adapted to support ~~sports related or other equipment~~ one or more horseshoes;

at least one support member attached to and extending away from the cross member, the support member including a positioning element configured to removably position the cross member in a substantially parallel position with respect to the ground surface; and

wherein the cross member further defines at least one receptacle orifice configured to receive at least one object therein, and

whereon one or more horseshoes each having two legs with ridges at the ends thereof may be slid over and engage the tapered ends, such that the ridges rest upon an upper surface of the cross member.

15. Cancelled

16. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 14, wherein the positioning element comprises a sharpened tip portion positioned on a distal end of the support member and configured to allow at least a portion of the support member to penetrate the ground surface, thereby securely positioning the cross member with respect to the ground surface.

17. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 14, wherein the at least one object comprises a receptacle configured to slide within the receptacle orifice, such that the receptacle is engaged within the receptacle orifice.

18. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 17, wherein the receptacle includes a ridge portion, the ridge portion configured to rest upon an

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upper edge area of the receptacle orifice, thereby removably securing the receptacle within the receptacle orifice.

19. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 14, wherein the cross member and support member are made of wood or plastic.

20. Cancelled

21. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~containment unit~~ table of claim 1, wherein the cross member and the support member are made of wood or plastic.

22. (Currently Amended) A portable ~~containment unit~~ table, comprising:  
a cross member comprising opposite ends adapted to support sports-related or other equipment, the cross member defining at least one receptacle orifice;  
at least one support member attached to and extending away from the cross member and configured to support the cross member above a ground surface; and  
at least one receptacle removably associated with the receptacle orifice, the receptacle configured to receive at least one object therein;  
wherein the opposite ends of the cross member are tapered, the tapered ends formed by recessed portions defined on opposite sides of the cross member, and  
wherein one or more horseshoes each having two legs with ridges at the ends thereof may be slid over and engage the tapered ends, such that the ridges rest upon an upper surface of the cross member.

23. Cancelled